

Ontario Association  
of Architects

Annual Report  
*2024*

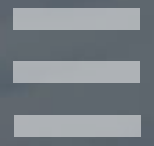
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Neil Campbell Rowing Centre  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
St. Catharines, Ontario  
MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd. (MJMA), in association with Raimondo + Associates Architects Inc.  
Photographer: Scott Norsworthy



# About the OAA

**OAA Headquarters**  
*Toronto, Ontario*  
Ruth Cawker Architects (renovation: David Fujiwara)  
Photographer: Andrew Grinton

# About the OAA



The [Ontario Association of Architects \(OAA\)](#) is a self-regulating organization governed by the [Architects Act](#), which is a statute of the Government of Ontario.

Dedicated to serving and protecting the public interest, the OAA administers the Act while promoting and increasing the knowledge, skill, and proficiency of its members.

To meet its mandate to serve the public interest and regulate the architectural profession, the Association:

- establishes qualification standards for admission into the profession, including education, experience, and examination;
- establishes standards of skill and proficiency of member;
- maintains professional ethics standards;
- promotes architecture and the built environment for the benefit of Ontarians; and
- supports members in meeting the regulatory standards of the architectural profession.

The OAA is governed by a [Council](#) of 15 Architects elected by the membership, as well as four members of the public chosen by the Province of Ontario (Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointees [LGICs]). The work of OAA Council is aided by more than 200 volunteers working on diverse [Committees and Task Groups](#), 14 regional [Local Architectural Societies](#) throughout Ontario, and an [Association staff](#) of 35.

## Vision

An Ontario in which Architects are valued contributors to society, by creating a safe and healthy built environment that performs at the highest levels and elevates the human spirit.

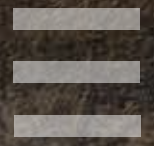
## Mandate

The principal object of the Association is to regulate the practice of architecture and to govern its members, holders of certificates of practice (CoPs), and holders of temporary licences in accordance with the *Architects Act* (the Act), Regulation 27 (the regulations), and the OAA Bylaws in order that the public interest may be served and protected.

## Strategic Plan

The OAA's [five-year strategic plan](#) includes commitment to two very important environmental and social governance themes—[Climate Action](#) and [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#)—which act as lenses through which the OAA's work is viewed to ensure it positively aligns with the principles. The plan also has four clear foundational goals: **Regulatory Leadership, Governance and Operations, Member Competency, and Public Education.**





# The Profession

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# The Profession in Ontario 2024



**5053**..... *Architects*  
**1967**..... *Practices*

**2006**  
Intern Architects

**252**  
Retired Members

**576**  
Student Associates

**39**  
Honorary Members

**434**  
Life Members

**58**  
Holders of Temporary Licences

**Paths to  
Licensure in  
2024:**

**229 licensed through**  
Internship in Architecture Program (IAP)

**12 licensed through**  
Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect  
(BEFA) Program

**10 licensed through**  
Registration Committee Hearings

**49 licensed through**  
Canadian reciprocity agreements

**16 licensed through**  
Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA)



## Provincial Impact\*

Economic activity from the architecture industry's entire footprint in Ontario totaled **\$186.7 billion**, representing **17% of the province's GDP**.

### Architectural Services Industry

- Contributes **\$2.7 billion annually** to Ontario's GDP
- Supports **21,000 jobs annually** across professional and trade sectors
- Generates **\$4.3 billion** each year in economic activity
- Produces **\$1.8 billion** in personal income and **\$1.1 billion** in business earnings annually

### Broader Architectural Footprint (education, tourism, and construction)

- Generates **\$94.4 billion in GDP**, accounting for **8%** of Ontario's total GDP
- Supports **776,000 jobs** across Ontario
- Generates **\$57.1 billion** in personal income and **\$41.3 billion** in business earnings annually
- Ontario's construction sector contributes **\$83.7 billion, 7.5%**, to provincial GDP, supports **673,585 jobs**, and drives **\$168.9 billion** in economic activity annually.
- Architecture-related tourism generates **\$2 billion** in annual spending,
- Supports **23,849 jobs**, and contributes **\$2 billion** to GDP
- Education and training sector generates **\$9 billion** in economic activity each year, bolstering **57,849 jobs**

\*This information is sourced from the 2024 report, [Contribution of the Architectural Services Industry to Ontario's Economy](#), prepared by Altus Group Economic Consulting and commissioned by the OAA



# President's Message

Centennial College A-Building Expansion  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Toronto, Ontario  
DIALOG Ontario Inc. in collaboration with Smoke Architecture Inc.  
Photographer: James Brittain



# President's Message



**Settimo Vilardi**

I am immensely proud to reflect on the achievements we have accomplished together over the course of 2024. Guided by the [five-year strategic plan](#), I was honoured to help lead the OAA's governing Council. Working with our volunteers and Association staff, we have continued to regulate the architectural profession in the public interest, while strengthening public trust, supporting our membership and those on the path to licensure, and fostering a more inclusive, sustainable, and resilient industry.

One of our most significant milestones this year was the successful implementation of the [Limited License](#) program. This pivotal development marked the reinstatement of the [OAA Technology program](#), creating a pathway to allow talented practitioners to formally contribute to the profession as Licensed Technologists. With the regulatory amendments finalized, we are

able to issue limited licenses, prioritizing the public interest while upholding our dedication to this integral segment of the profession. To those who directly impacted this process—thank you for your patience, perseverance, and trust in the OAA.

This year, the OAA underscored its leadership in addressing [Climate Action](#)—an imperative for our time. Building on previous successes, we continued integrating sustainability into operations and member support initiatives. The OAA Headquarters, already a beacon of energy efficiency and low carbon design, became the focus of an exciting [Landscape Design Competition](#)—an anonymous competition focused on transforming the headquarters' landscaping into a more sustainable, accessible, artful, and welcoming space. This competition drew inspiration from contemporary climate-oriented design principles, while emphasizing the importance of Indigenous reconciliation and integrating public art.

The competition attracted extensive participation from talented multidisciplinary teams, and we saw a remarkable display of ideas that balanced ecological stewardship with design creativity. The winning proposal, "[The Grounding Meadow](#)," was selected for its innovative and sustainable vision to transform our home into an even more welcoming and inclusive space, but also stand as a testament to architects' and landscape architects' ability to collaborate and prioritize meaningful connections between the built and natural environments.

The OAA's Climate Action efforts didn't stop there—we continued engaging members with essential resources like the Total Energy Use calculators, including the recently released [OBJECTIVE TEUI 3.0](#) in partnership with OpenBuilding, and [free access to CSA standards](#), including those focused on sustainability. These tools, along with [case studies](#) shared by practices across the province, provided vital knowledge while celebrating successful climate-responsive projects.



The OAA Conference in Niagara Falls was another high point of 2024. Centred on the theme [Housing: Pushing the Envelope](#), the annual event brought members together to tackle one of Canada's most pressing issues—the housing crisis. With nearly 75 engaging sessions, including experiential learning opportunities and hands-on workshops, participants explored everything from innovative housing models to density and affordability solutions. Importantly, the conference fostered meaningful connections between our members, offering a space for them to share diverse perspectives and approaches to our provincial housing. I want to thank everyone who made this year's gathering such a resounding success—from the organizers and volunteers, to the speakers, panelists, sponsors, and attendees.

Outreach and public education also remained central to our mission this year as we continued to build stronger connections with the public. At the OAA Headquarters, we hosted another successful [Doors Open event](#), which featured a special public exhibition of the imaginative design submissions from the aforementioned Landscape Design Competition. The event also included the Toronto Society of Architects-organized [Paper City](#), a family-friendly activity, where participants of all ages explored city-building through a collaborative community art piece. Families worked with printed templates to cut, colour, and fold their own unique structures—ranging from detached houses to skyscrapers—before combining them into a large, vibrant paper metropolis. Additionally, we launched new episodes of our [Architecturally Speaking](#) podcast, reinforcing the important connection between architecture and quality of life while fostering a wider public appreciation for the profession.

Finally, we celebrated the achievements of our members, including newly licensed Architects and [Design Excellence Award recipients](#). These honorees represent the best of architecture in Ontario, and their work reminds us of how the tools of design are vehicles for innovation, beauty, and humanity.

None of this year's accomplishments would have been possible without the collective commitment of our members, staff, and partners. Your dedication to the profession and the public's interest has allowed the OAA to evolve, grow, and lead with purpose. Thank you for your contributions, your passion, and your resolve in shaping a strong future for the built environment in Ontario.

Settimo Vilardi, Architect, OAA  
M.Arch., FRAIC  
2024 Council President



# SVP & Treasurer's Report

Virgin Vineyard House  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Eastern Townships, Quebec  
LAMAS Architecture Ltd.  
Photographer: Félix Michaud

# SVP & Treasurer's Message



**Ted Wilson**

The OAA's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2024, including the Independent Auditor's Report, are available on the OAA Website. The [OAA Finance & Audit Committee](#) reviewed the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report on February 19, 2025, and recommended them for approval by OAA Council, who approved them on March 6, 2025.

The primary goal of the OAA financial management plan in 2024 was to focus on internal organizational efficiencies to maximize the value derived from fee revenue and track the OAA Reserve Fund Three-Year Plan. This outlines policies surrounding the four classes of OAA Reserves to ensure sufficient resources are maintained to fund approved expenditures and minimum balance requirements, including recommendations from the 2022 Building Reserve Study. The use of these funds is restricted by the Association's Reserve Fund Policies.

The Major Capital Reserve Fund totals \$1,578,078, the Operating Reserve is \$2,158,751, and the Legal Reserve is \$285,500. In 2024, according to the OAA Reserve Fund Three-Year Plan, the OAA transferred \$800,624 to the Operating Fund. In addition to these restricted amounts, \$3,854,686 remains as unrestricted Members' Equity, which can offset shortfalls from unbudgeted expenditures or unanticipated revenue fluctuations. It is generally accepted that not-for-profit organizations such as the OAA may accumulate surplus funds for operating purposes up to the equivalent of one year's operating expenses without jeopardizing their not-for-profit status.

As such, the OAA exited the 2024 fiscal year with total Members' Equity at \$70,802,556 (compared to \$61,858,819 in 2023). Of this total, \$55,846,966 is related to the OAA's investment in Pro-Demnity Insurance Co. The remainder of Members' Equity is made up of the three dedicated reserve funds, the depreciated value of capital assets, and the unrestricted accumulated surplus.

Thanks to prudent and careful management strategies, I am pleased to report that the Association continues to occupy a strong and stable financial position.

Sincerely,

Ted Wilson, Architect, OAA  
2024 Senior Vice President and Treasurer



# Executive Director's Report

**Ontario Court of Justice Toronto**  
**2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner**  
*Toronto, Ontario*  
NORR Architects & Engineers Limited in association with Renzo Piano Building Workshop S.A.S.  
Photographer: Scott Norsworthy

# Executive Director's Report



**Kristi Doyle**

I always welcome this opportunity to provide an annual update on OAA operations and administration, among other things. It provides time for deliberate reflection on our activities and collective achievements over the past year. The timing is optimal as it also aligns with the Council's annual planning session. This report also serves as a chance to highlight the collective efforts that drive our shared success.

As a professional regulator, the OAA remains steadfast in fulfilling its regulatory roles and responsibilities under the [Architects Act](#). Aligned with our [statutory mandate and strategic plan](#), we continue to proactively monitor the regulatory landscape—not only in Ontario, but also across Canada and around the globe. This vigilance ensures we remain adaptable and prepared to address emerging challenges in the profession.

Over the past three years, my annual reports have included updates on the progress of implementing the recommendations stemming from the OAA's 2021 Operational Review. I am excited and pleased to report that we are 99% complete! Since the fall of 2021, the Association has strategically worked through the implementation of the 39 approved recommendations.

This achievement represents a key deliverable under the Governance pillar of the OAA Strategic Plan—a massive undertaking set against a five-year timeline. Through the appropriate allocation of resources, diligent tracking, and a clear commitment, we have successfully achieved this major objective.

This multi-year project represents a significant milestone in the OAA's history, offering an opportunity to elevate the organization's capacity and performance. It further amplified and demonstrated how the ongoing operations, administration, and governance of an organization operates like an ecosystem—each component is interdependent, with a significant impact on the others, and none can operate effectively in isolation.

While we mark the completion of this multi-year project, it does not signal that 'the work is done.' There will always be areas for improvement. However, by addressing the recommendations and implementing organizational changes, the OAA has established a framework for continual improvement and a more responsive regulatory organization.

As technology evolves, government policy shifts, and public scrutiny intensifies, the self-regulating profession faces increasing pressures.



The Association is actively seizing educational opportunities to deepen our knowledge, broaden our understanding, and learn from others. The goal is to remain in lockstep with the changing landscape and proactively position ourselves within Ontario's regulatory environment.

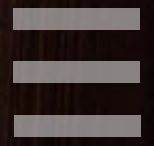
The OAA remains in a solid financial position, thanks to sound financial management and oversight. This positive position has allowed Council to move forward with its plans to renew and revitalize the headquarters site and landscape. This is an important next step in support of [Climate Action](#), one of the lenses of Strategic Plan. In spring 2024, we launched the [Landscape Design Competition](#), an anonymous initiative aimed at transforming the OAA property's landscaping into a more sustainable, accessible, artful, and welcoming space. This effort not only raised further awareness about environmental and design considerations, but also fostered education within the community.

In May, we welcomed the largest public crowd to our building since the OAA's participation in [Doors Open Toronto](#), with visitors exploring a display of submissions from the competition that highlighted the innovative approaches to achieving the project's ambitious goals.

On a personal note, I was delighted to meet with members in person again during the annual society visits—the first since 2019. This return to face-to-face engagement was a welcomed departure from the virtual approach and provided an opportunity for robust conversation and meaningful connection between local members and the OAA.

As always, I invite you to read on to learn more about the OAA's activities, which are a direct result of the dedication and hard work of our Council, staff, and volunteers. My sincere thanks to the OAA Team for another year of exceptional work—well done!

Kristi Doyle  
Executive Director

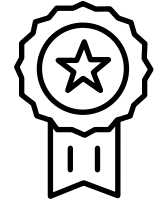


# 2024 Snapshot

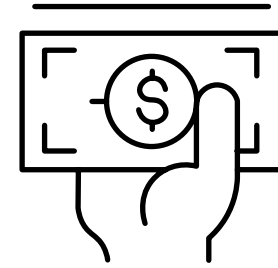
David Geffen Hall, Lincoln Center  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
New York City, New York  
Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc. (Master Plan and Theatre), Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects | Partners (Public Spaces)  
Photographer: Chris Lee



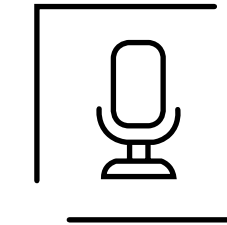
# 2024 Snapshot



**316**  
New Licences



**\$269,496.79**  
distributed to support architecture awareness



## Architecturally Speaking Podcast Figures:

**2,808 total downloads**

Top Episodes:

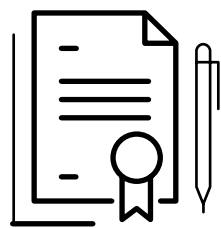
The Future of Housing: Laneway and Garden Suites  
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Sustainable Architecture: Insights & Tips for Greener Homes  
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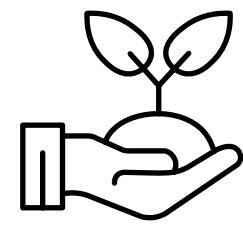
Designing for All: Accessibility in Architecture  
**343 downloads**

Becoming an Architect: Many Paths, One Profession  
**332 downloads**

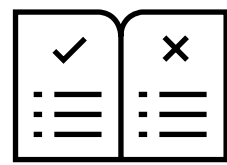
Designing for Dignity: Perspectives on Care & Community  
**313 downloads**



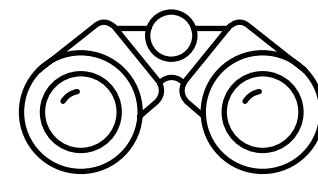
**139**  
Certificates of Practice



**800+**  
visitors to OAA Headquarters during Doors Open to learn about net-zero design



**ExAC**  
672 / 931 (72.2%) interns passed all the sections for which they were eligible.  
S1 - 84% S2 - 83.1%  
S3 - 83.7% S4 - 83.3%  
Overall success rate 83.5 %

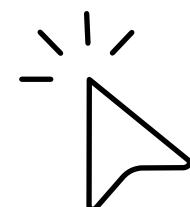


**Top 5 public webpages:**

1. Employment Opportunities
2. OAA Directory
3. Main Search
4. Continuing Education Program
5. Conference



**NCARB's ARE**  
Of the **57 Interns** that wrote the six Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) 5.0 exams, **39 passed**. The 2024 success rate of ARE 5.0 is **68%**



**Top 5 member webpages:**

1. Intern Architect
2. Main Search
3. Fees & Renewals
4. Continuing Education Program
5. Individual Invoices



**16.7k** *LinkedIn followers*



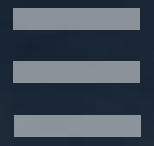
**8.5k** *Instagram followers*



**2.7k** *Facebook followers*



**7.8k** *X/Twitter followers*



# Action Plan

Center for Computing & Data Sciences at Boston University  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
*Boston, Massachusetts*  
KPMB Architects  
Photographer: Nic Lehoux

# Putting Plans into Action



Part of the OAA's mission is to shape the future by advancing architecture and the built environment in service of public interest. The **Ontario Association of Architects** is committed to fostering a safe and healthy built environment that embodies resilience, sustainability, and design excellence. Through transparent regulation and governance, the association upholds the highest standards of professionalism while promoting an inclusive, equitable, and ethical community of architects.

The vision of the OAA is guided by the [Strategic Plan \(2022-2027\)](#), which establishes a framework to align our activities with core objectives that serve our mandate. This strategy is structured around four interconnected strategic pillars—**Regulatory Leadership, Governance and Operations, Member Competency, and Public Education**. Each priority reflects our commitment to ensuring architecture enhances quality of life and elevates societal well-being.

Strategically, we are focused on modernizing our legislative framework to align with contemporary regulatory practices while maintaining transparency and fairness.

We aim to enhance organizational resilience, ensuring our operations remain effective and inclusive. We prioritize lifelong learning opportunities for architects, supporting their roles as leaders in the built environment. Lastly, we advance the public's understanding of architecture's value through education and outreach, emphasizing its significant role in creating sustainable, adaptable spaces that enrich communities.

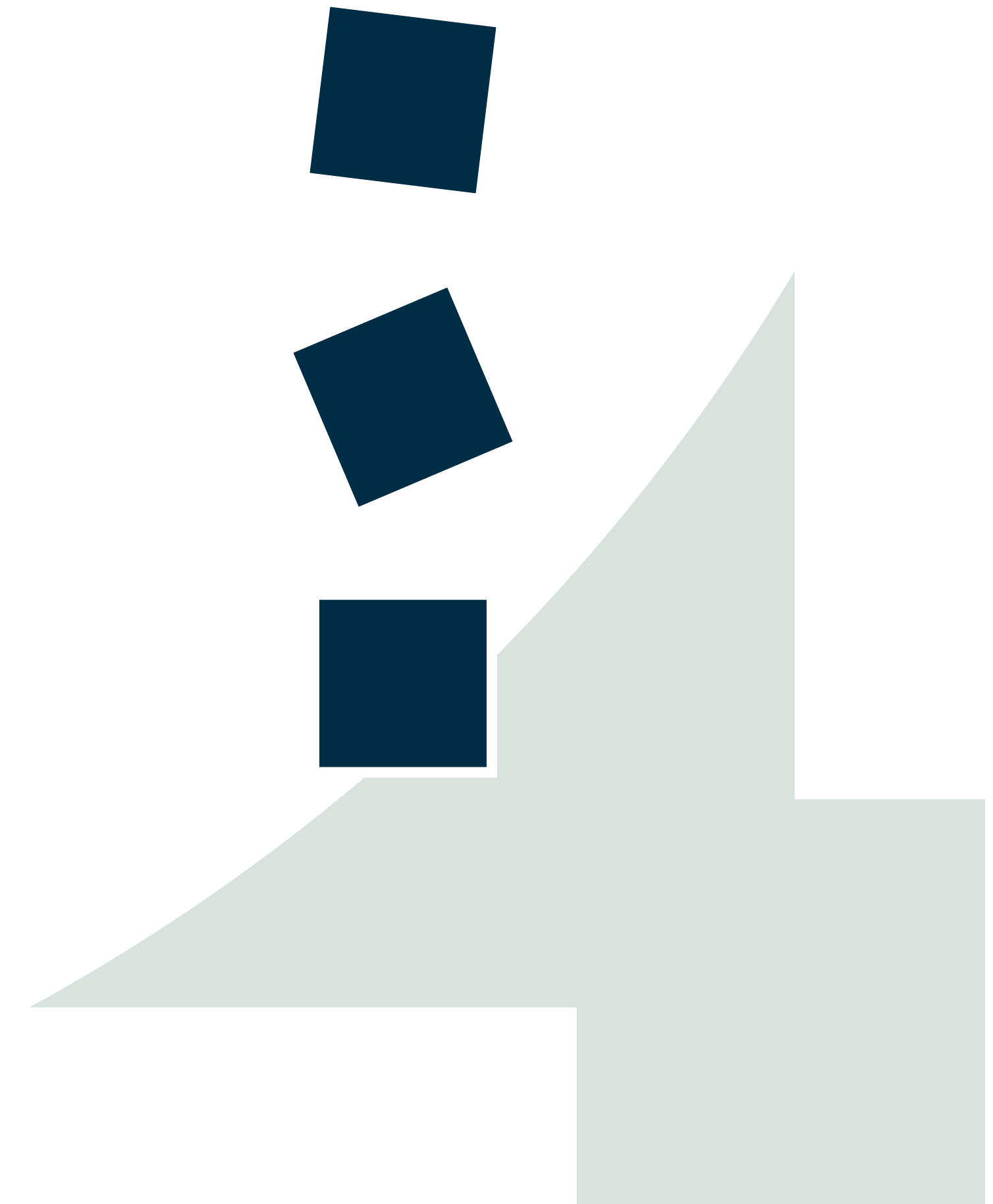
Together, these priorities reflect the OAA's dedication to protecting the public interest, supporting the evolving needs of our members, and promoting the vital contributions that architecture makes to society.

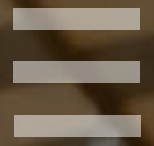
## THEMES

Climate Action  
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Regulatory Leadership  
Governance and Operations  
Member Competency  
Public Education





# Registrar's Report

Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Sports Park  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Mississauga, Ontario  
MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd. (MJMA)  
Photographer: Scott Norsworthy

# Registrar's Report



**Christie Mills**

The Office of the Registrar is entrusted with ensuring the OAA fulfils many of its regulatory obligations under the [Architects Act](#) (the Act). Reflecting on 2024, it is evident the Association's commitment to public interest remains steadfast, as it continues to adapt to the evolving needs of both the profession and the public.

A central focus of the Association's regulatory work this year was the significant update to legislation and regulations enabling the issuance of limited licences. This initiative, undertaken in collaboration with the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) and the provincial government, represented a monumental effort. The new Licensed Technologist class and its associated internship program, the OAA Technology Program (OTP), mark a transformative step forward for the profession. These changes provide qualified individuals

with a structured pathway to licensure, allowing them to contribute meaningfully to the practice of architecture.

Ensuring that regulatory processes remain robust, transparent, and fair has also been a cornerstone of 2024. In response to amendments to the [Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act](#) (FARPACTA), the OAA developed responsive changes to its registration processes. These new procedures emphasize accessibility and competency-based pathways, creating a more inclusive profession for those aspiring to become Architects or Licensed Technologists. The amendments to FARPACTA required regulators to implement operational and policy updates, as well as regulation amendments to achieve compliance.

The year has been characterized by steady growth and activity. The number of OAA members and individuals pursuing licensure in Ontario continues to rise, reflecting the strength and robustness of the profession, the vibrancy of the industry, and the enduring appeal of practising architecture in Canada. This growth is also a testament to the multiple pathways to licensure that are now available, which provide opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to pursue careers in architecture.

Similar to last year, there has been an increase in Act enforcement activities and complaints, reflecting the evolving regulatory landscape and the growing complexity of matters brought to the OAA's attention. These trends underscore the importance of the OAA's efforts to raise awareness of its role as a regulator, ensuring the public interest remains protected through proactive engagement and effective communication. This dedication is exemplified by the OAA's proactive approach to addressing emerging challenges and opportunities within the profession.



The Office of the Registrar has been at the forefront of managing these demands, reinforcing the Association's commitment to its legislative mandate.

Other notable accomplishments in 2024 included:

- ✓ successful implementation of updated complaints procedures, streamlining processes to enhance fairness and efficiency;
- ✓ launch of the online [Mentor Directory](#), facilitating connections between experienced architects and those seeking guidance on their path to licensure;
- ✓ development and rollout of the in-house online [Canadian Experience Record Book](#) (CERB) portal, modernizing how licensure candidates document and track their experience;
- ✓ modernizing the handling of the OAA's Continuing Education (ConEd) Program non-compliance, aligning it with best practices;
- ✓ integration of Continuing Education staff into the Office of the Registrar's team structure, fostering greater cohesion and collaboration; and
- ✓ continued adherence to the [Office of the Fairness Commissioner's](#) (OFC) audit requirements, demonstrating our commitment to transparent and equitable practices.

The statistical data accompanying this report reflects the dedication and hard work of the OAA team in meeting the Association's legislative responsibilities. Through innovation, collaboration, and a focus on continuous improvement, the OAA remains well-positioned to govern its members and regulate the practice of architecture in Ontario, ensuring the protection and service of the public interest.

Christie Mills, Architect, OAA  
B.Comm., B.Arch.  
Registrar

# Act Enforcement



The Office of the Registrar oversees a number of regulatory functions, including licensing, authorizing practices, Act enforcement, investigations, complaints and discipline, elections, and the [Internship in Architecture Program \(IAP\)](#), in addition to working with the regulatory committees.

Beyond its mandate-driven activities, the Office of the Registrar works alongside the OAA Executive Director on initiatives with the Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada (ROAC), the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), [Examination for Architects in Canada \(ExAC\)](#), the Office of Fairness Commissioner, the Ministry of the Attorney General, other professional regulators and organizations, and schools of architecture across the country.

## 83 Investigations in 2024

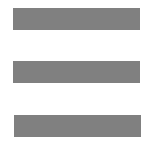
- 9** Resolved by the OAA
- 56** Ongoing Investigations
- 2** Unable to Locate
- 16** No Breach Found
- 329** Licence applications processed
- 139** Certificate of practice (CoP) applications processed
- 181** OAA seals issued
- 548** Intern Architect applications received
- 265** Student Associate applications received
- 1643** IAP experience submissions reviewed for the Canadian Experience Record Book (CERB)
- 3** Experience Requirements Committee assessment interviews

The highest volume of inquiries to [OAA Practice Hotline](#) remain related to Act and Regulations.

## Registration Committee Statistics

When the Registrar proposes to refuse an application for licence, certificate of practice or temporary licence; proposes to suspend or revoke a Certificate of Practice or Temporary Licence; or, proposes to issue a licence, Certificate of Practice or Temporary Licence with terms, conditions, and limitations, the applicant may request a hearing before the [Registration Committee](#). The Committee hears the matter and makes a determination as to the proposal by the Registrar.

- 3** hearings requested
- 9** hearing completed
- 25** applications under discussion



## Discipline Committee Statistics

The [Discipline Committee](#) Members make up the formal tribunals that hear allegations of professional misconduct against a member of the Association, holder of a Certificate of Practice, or a holder of a Temporary Licence. Referral can be made from the Complaints Committee or Council.

- 1 hearings complete
- 1 case ongoing
- 7 cases to be scheduled
- 1 ongoing appeal

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## Complaints Committee Statistics

The [Complaints Committee](#) investigates complaints made by members of the public or members of the Association regarding the conduct or actions of any member of the Association or holder of a Certificate of Practice or a Temporary Licence.

- 83 Total Inquiries
- 21 Total Complaints
- 2 Held in abeyance
- 1 Preliminary Review Stage

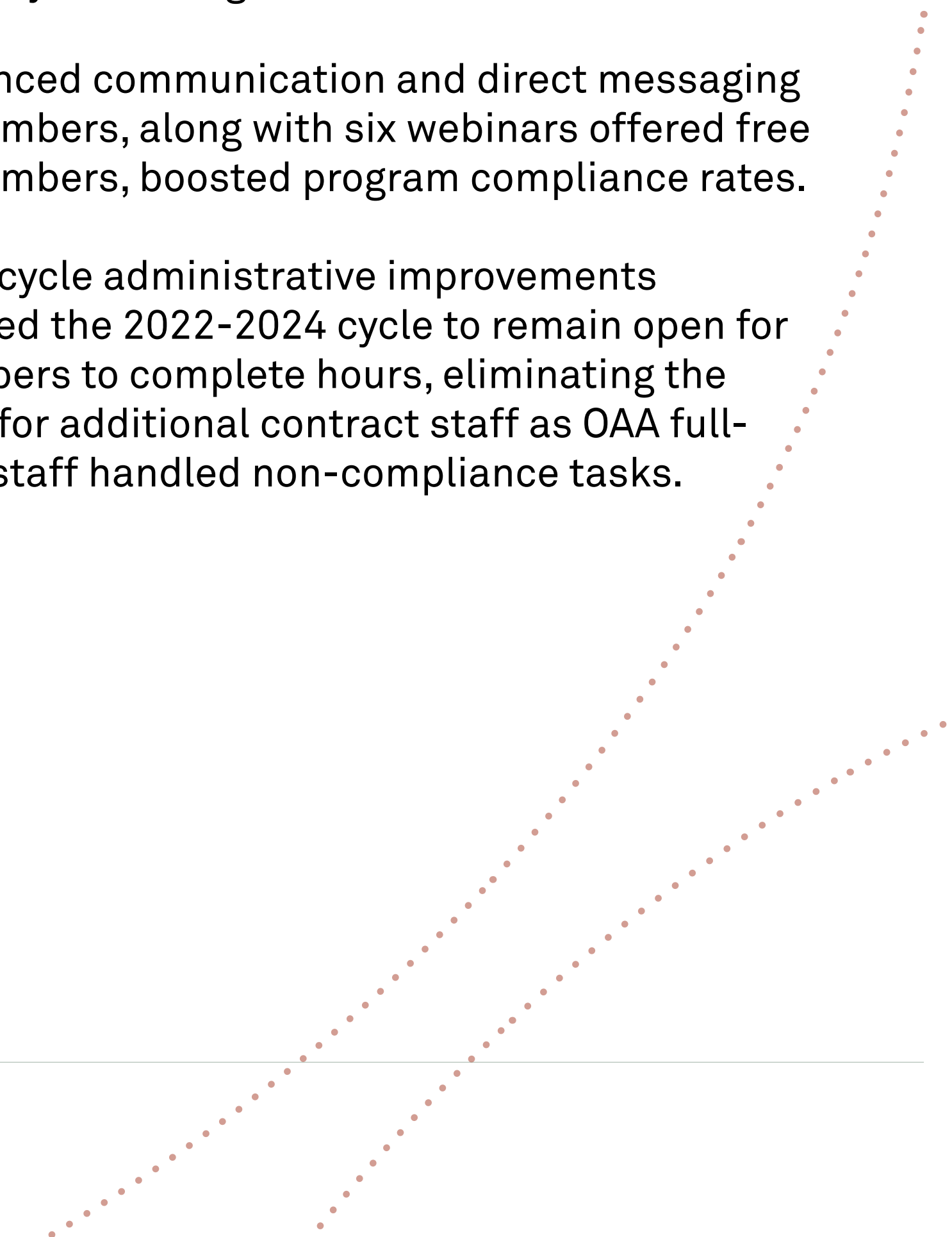
### Closed

- 9 Not referred (dismissed)
- 2 Not referred (withdrawn)
- 2 Not referred (caution)
- 3 Referred to Discipline
- 13 Registrar's Investigations
- 7 Good Character Investigation
- 181 ConEd 2022-2024 Non-Compliance
- 62 Requests for Relief Granted
- 1 Referred to Complaints Committee
- 17 Received Caution
- 102 Resolved

Non-compliance among members dropped from 19% (915 members) of the profession in 2023 to less than 3.5% (181 members) non-compliance for the year ending in 2024.

Enhanced communication and direct messaging to members, along with six webinars offered free to members, boosted program compliance rates.

Post-cycle administrative improvements allowed the 2022-2024 cycle to remain open for members to complete hours, eliminating the need for additional contract staff as OAA full-time staff handled non-compliance tasks.







# Regulatory Leadership

Virgin Vineyard House  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Eastern Townships, Quebec  
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# Regulatory Leadership



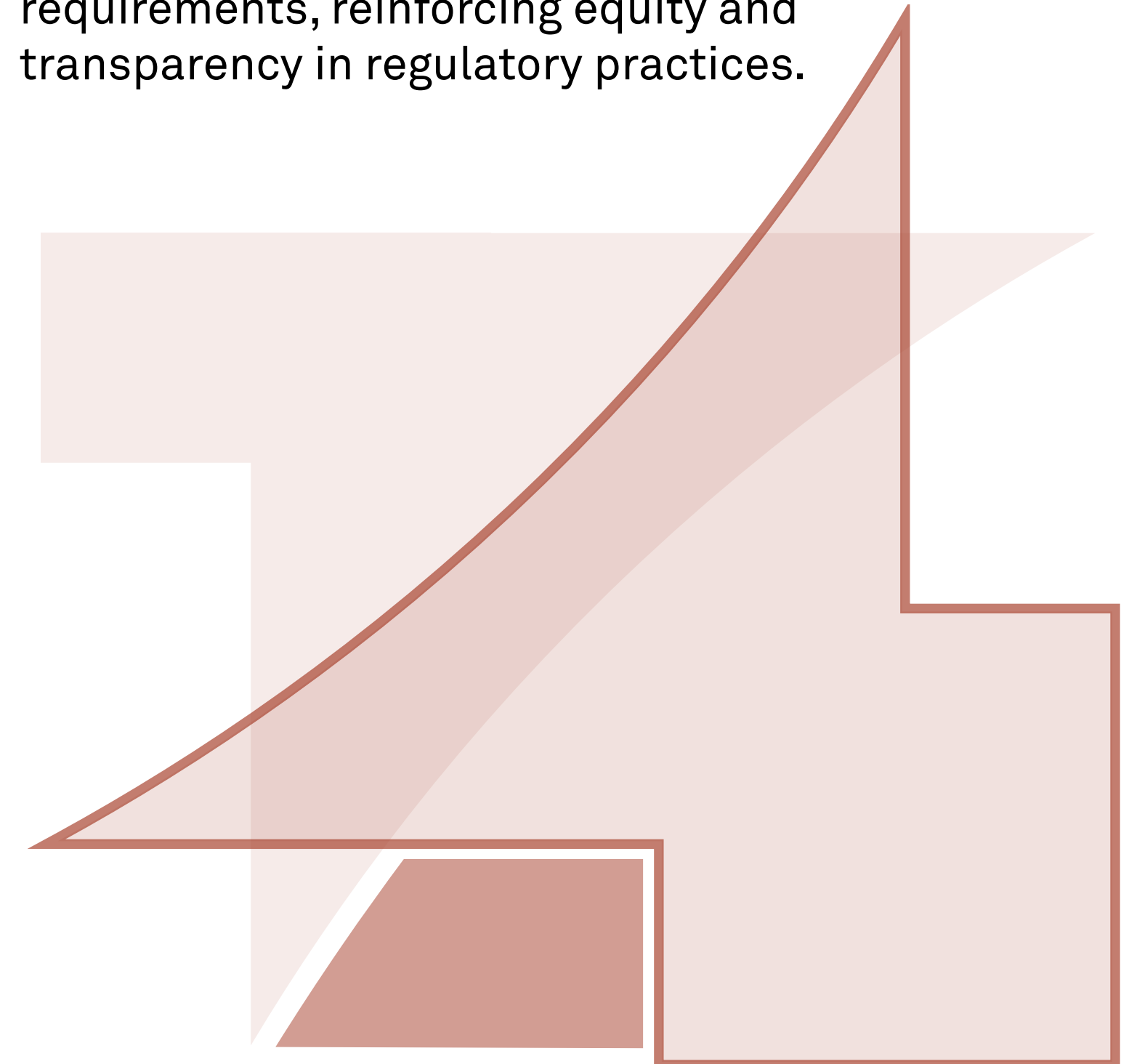
***Bring the OAA's regulatory framework into alignment with current legal principles for professional regulators and modernize our legislative and governing documents to ensure the public interest continues to be served and protected.***

In 2024, the OAA made significant strides in modernizing its regulatory framework through key legislative updates, streamlined compliance processes, and operational advancements. It also played a pivotal role in shaping industry dialogue, partnering with policymakers, government leaders, and allied professionals to address pressing issues affecting both the profession and the broader public.

Throughout 2024, the OAA:

- Introduced [Limited Licences](#) and the [Licensed Technologist](#) class through collaboration with the Ministry of the Attorney General, launching the [OAA Technology Program](#) for structured licensure pathways.
- Ensured compliance with [FARPACTA](#) amendments by updating registration processes to stress accessibility and competency-based pathways.
- Supported [Bill 227 \(Cutting Red Tape, Building Ontario Act, 2024\)](#) amendments to the [Architects Act](#), clarifying architects' scope under the 2024 Ontario Building Code.
- Integrated Continuing Education staff into the Registrar's team for improved collaboration and governance.
- Increased enforcement activities and addressed a rise in complaints.

- Supported monitoring legislative changes, including the enactment of [Bill 218 \(Honouring Veterans Act, 2024\)](#) and its implications for FARPACTA, and [National Building Code](#) updates, ensuring alignment with public interest and climate action goals.
- Kept to [Fairness Commissioner](#) audit requirements, reinforcing equity and transparency in regulatory practices.



An aerial photograph of a modern community center and sports park. The image features a large, light-colored building on the left, a central blue basketball court with people playing, and a winding blue stream or water feature on the right. The surrounding area is landscaped with green grass, trees, and paved walkways. A large white title is overlaid across the center of the image.

# Governance & Operations

**Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Sports Park**  
**2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner**  
*Mississauga, Ontario*  
MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd. (MJMA)  
Photographer: Scott Norsworthy

# Governance & Operations



## ***Enhance our governance and operational practices to ensure an effective, inclusive, resilient, and transparent organization.***

The Association continues to implement key recommendations following a detailed review of its processes, policies, and procedures. Across its service areas, innovative methods are being adopted and integrated at every operational level. With unwavering dedication, Council, staff, and volunteers remain focused on upholding the highest standards in regulatory practices, ensuring the public's right to a safe, sustainable, and thoughtfully designed built environment.

In 2024, the OAA:

- ✓ Updated registration processes to align with amendments to the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA), particularly focusing on accessibility and competency-based pathways.
- ✓ Collaborated with the Ministry of the Attorney General and provincial government to introduce [Limited Licences](#) and the [Licensed Technologist](#) class, creating structured and equitable pathways to licensure.
- ✓ Increased accessibility to essential information through website updates, specialized bulletins, and automated emails covering [Continuing Education](#), [licensing](#), and member services.
- ✓ Advanced IT projects, including the Office 365 migration, iMIS database transition to a cloud-based system, and the development of SharePoint Online.
- ✓ Enhanced cybersecurity through the Sentinel One antivirus upgrade, while leveraging AI for proactive protection against threats.
- ✓ Initiated programs like the [ChatterHigh](#) trial for career exploration, summer camps, and educational incentives for students, expanding connections with younger architecture enthusiasts and fostering diversity in the field.
- ✓ Updated funding processes for clarity and fairness, alongside increased support for [local architectural societies](#) and [public engagement projects](#).





# Member Competency

Place des Arts  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Greater Sudbury, Ontario  
Moriyama Teshima Architects and Bélanger Salach Architecture (previously known as Yallowega Bélanger Salach Architecture) in a joint venture.  
Photographer: Tom Arban

# Member Competency

***Ensure the continued professional competency and currency of OAA licensed members in order that they maintain their leadership role in the built environment accountable to the public interest.***

The OAA continues to keep its view to key societal issues and trends to be sure its programs and services equip architects to be highly-skilled and dependable members of their communities. This focus is woven into every aspect of its Continuing Education programs, from climate action and sustainability initiatives to advancements in technology and accessibility.

## In 2024, the OAA:

- ✓ Approved a new “[Continuing Education \(ConEd\) Policy](#)”, replacing seven prior policies to streamline and modernize non-compliance handling.
- ✓ Removed mandatory proof uploads for [Structured Learning Hours](#) in the 2024–2026 cycle, mandatory maintenance of attendance records, and the possibility of audits.

- ✓ Administrative suspensions can now be applied if Learning Hours are not completed within **90 days post-cycle**.
- ✓ Implemented a **consistent late fee of \$750**, replacing the previous tiered fine structure and eliminating inefficiencies. These efforts helped reduce non-compliance from **19% in the previous cycle to 3.5%**.
- ✓ Extended [Mandatory Climate Action requirements](#) for the 2024–2026 cycle. Made significant progress with the ConEd service area, enhancing member compliance, delivering engaging programs and supporting professional and climate-related objectives.
- ✓ Engaged **121 participants** via the [Self-Study Series](#), which offers a flexible, self-paced learning experience.
- ✓ Continued the **Fundamentals of Running an Architectural Practice (FRAP)** course in partnership with the University of Toronto, offering 31 structured learning hours. Added content updates and substitute experts for flexibility.

- ✓ Continued to update OAA resources such as OBC Matrices and associated documents (PT. 03 and PT. 35), Practice Tip 10.0 Series on the Construction Act, [PT.25 Design-Build: Using OAA 600-2021](#).
- ✓ OAA’s [CSA Standard Access Program](#) was successfully renegotiated for another year.

- ✓ The **2022–2024 Continuing Education (ConEd) cycle** concluded on June 30, 2024.
- ✓ The **2024 Webinar Series** saw 5,400 enrollments across 33 webinars, generating \$141,142 in revenue, a significant increase from 2023.
- ✓ A call for **2025 Webinar and Conference Proposals** resulted in 90 submissions reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Group. Approved sessions include topics like biophilic design, mass timber, and climate-positive architecture.
- ✓ The **OAA Admission Course** recorded 368 enrollments in 2024. Course materials were updated and supported by additional subject matter experts.
- ✓ OAA’s follower base grew on platforms like [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#), with engaging campaigns, contests, and evergreen posts about architecture’s role in community and regulation.
- ✓ [YouTube](#) usage increased, hosting Continuing Education webinars and podcast episodes.

# Member Engagement at a Glance



**25** OAA News emails  
**09** Conference Bulletin emails  
**11** Regulatory Bulletin emails  
**06** Practice Advisory Newsletters

Twenty-five biweekly OAA News newsletters were distributed in 2024, achieving open rates of 72%.

Six bimonthly Practice Advisory newsletters were distributed to 7,920 recipients, achieving a 68% open rate.

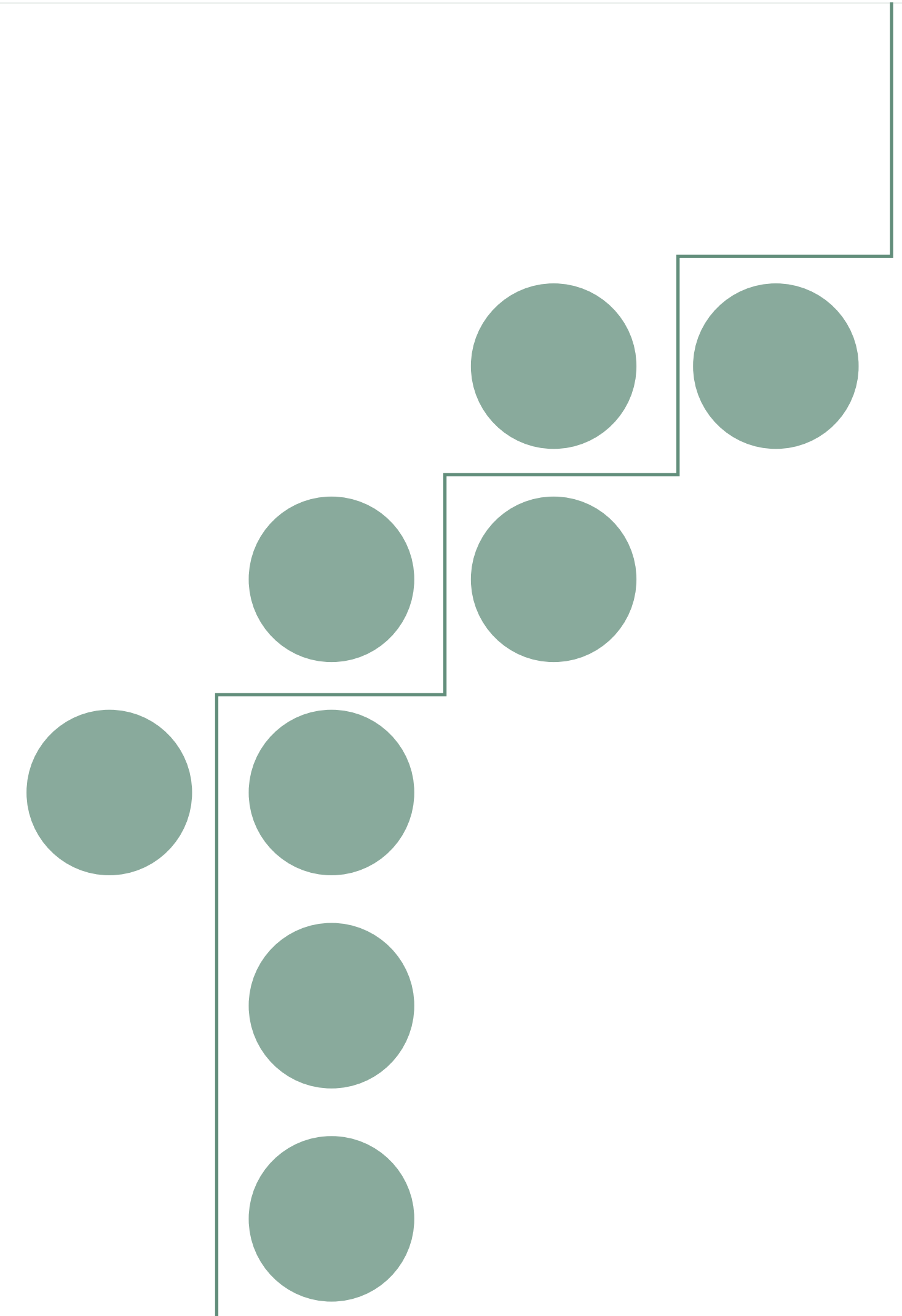
**64** enrolments for [Fundamentals of Running an Architecture Practice \(FRAP\)](#)

**368** enrolments for [Online Admission Course](#)

**5400** enrolments for [OAA Webinar Series](#)

**121** enrolments for [Self-Study Learning Series](#)

**719** attendees at the [2024 Conference Housing: Pushing The Envelope in Niagara Falls](#)





# Public Education

Toronto Public Library—Albert Campbell Branch  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Scarborough, Ontario  
LGA Architectural Partners Ltd.  
Photographer: Doublespace Photography



# Public Education

*Advance the public's understanding and recognition that architecture is integral to the quality of life and well-being of our society as experienced through a sustainable, resilient, and durable built environment.*

A well-informed public ensures that the built environment reflects the values and priorities of the community, while likewise ensuring projects are overseen by appropriately qualified professionals through fair and reasonable business ties. It also supports the health and resilience of the profession by attracting new generations to enter the field. This year, the OAA focused on reviewing its existing public education work and developing a strategic approach to expand its reach and impact.

## In 2024, the OAA:

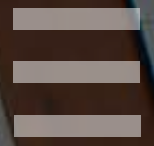
- ✓ Launched four episodes of the public-facing podcast [Architecturally Speaking](#), hosted by architect **Ryan Schwartz**. The architecture series has now garnered **more than 900 subscribers** since its launch in late 2023.

- ✓ Convened a meeting with **Engineers, Architects, and Building Officials (EABO)** to develop standard practices for design and construction work, emphasizing the distinct roles and responsibilities found within the building industry.
- ✓ Produced the first-ever video tour of the OAA headquarters, highlighting the 2017-2019 retrofit project and its challenges in achieving net-zero targets to champion [Climate Action](#).
- ✓ Partnered with [Chatterhigh](#), an innovative educational platform, to engage the K-12 audience through interactive career exploration quizzes and modules. This collaboration supports the OAA's [five-year strategic plan](#) of promoting architecture's role in enhancing quality of life and societal well-being.
- ✓ Provided biannual funding through [Public Awareness Funding and Special Project Funding](#) to support successful applicants in promoting the value of architecture within their communities.
- ✓ Organized the [Landscape Design Competition](#), receiving 19 submissions from

Ontario firms. **Ja Architecture Studio** was selected as the winner and will begin construction beginning in 2025 to advance the [Renew + Refresh initiative](#).

- ✓ Hosted the [2024 NOW Lecture](#) at the OAA Headquarters, featuring presentations by members of **Landscape** and **Ja Architecture Studio**, exploring innovative housing and landscape design, alongside networking and professional learning opportunities.

- ✓ The 2024 edition of [Queen's Park Picks \(QPP\)](#) received 32 building nominations from 29 MPPs spanning across Ontario.
- ✓ Drove significant [website traffic](#) with 3,700 views following QPP's October 23, 2024 release.
- ✓ Welcomed more than 800 visitors to tour OAA Headquarters—including visitors to [Doors Open Toronto](#) and Architecture Students from Toronto Metropolitan University—to learn about [its net-zero retrofit](#).
- ✓ Partnered with the Toronto Society of Architects (TSA) to host the family-friendly Paper City event during [Doors Open](#). Kids of all ages built arts and crafts skyscrapers, buildings, and transportation. The paper-made model city was displayed for the public.
- ✓ \$157,000 in [Public Awareness Sponsorships](#) to community organizations and \$112,496.79 in [Special Project Funding](#) to Local Architectural Societies
- ✓ 11 MPPs requested meetings with the OAA on key issues relevant to architecture in Ontario. Nine MPP meetings were held, with the remaining requests to be fulfilled in 2025.
- ✓ Practice Advisory Services conducted two webinars with client groups in 2024 on standard forms of contract for architectural services.



# Scholarships, Funding, & Awards

Centennial College—A Building Expansion  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner

Toronto, Ontario

DIALOG Ontario Inc. in collaboration with Smoke Architecture Inc.

Photographer: James Brittain

# Scholarships

Each year, the OAA provides annual scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each to be awarded to students in any year of the undergraduate or graduate architecture program at each of Ontario's five Schools of Architecture (and one to a student in OCAD University's Environmental Design program in the amount of \$2,000).

The **Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence Scholarships** are awarded annually to up to two students at each school who best demonstrate design excellence and exemplary responses to the need for [Climate Action](#) in a project or assignment, as well as two students at each school for their work as related to either [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#) or [Truth and Reconciliation](#).

The **Architectural Guild Prize Fund** (which, in 2024, included a Guild Medal) is also awarded annually to the graduating students from each of the five Schools of Architecture in Ontario who showed exceptional leadership through design excellence combined with innovative approaches to sustainability in an assignment or project.

These scholarships are administered by each school, entirely according to their discretion.

## Carleton University – Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Sustainability

**Hannah Morrier**, selected based on overall academic excellence

**Mya Thomas**, selected based on overall academic excellence

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or Truth and Reconciliation

**Sarah Cichon** for “*Urbanism in the Periphery: Bowesville Park*”

### Guild Medal

**Wilson Tian Zhi Jiang** for “*Stó:lo Relationalities: Exploring Infrastructures of Climate Adaptation along the Fraser River*”

## Laurentian University – McEwen School of Architecture

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Sustainability

**Ravleen Gill** for “*Ecology Centre: Environmental Education Centre Lake Laurentian Conservation Area*”

**Brianna Machan** for “*Architecture as a Path*”

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or Truth and Reconciliation

**Brittany Loewen** for “[Survival to Sustainable Care: Mono-Material Timber Autonomous Hybrid Shelters to Ensure Houseless Human Dignity and Address Societal Stigma](#)”

**Rebecca Jacob** for “[A Story of Reconnecting with Inuit Ways of Learning: Designing a Post-Secondary Institution in Nunavik](#)”

### Guild Medal

**Michael Sirois** for “[Cultivating Resilience: Architecture and Urban Design for a Local and Circular Food System in Sudbury, Ontario](#)”



## Toronto Metropolitan University – Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Sustainability

**Jillian Sproul** and **Olivia Nunn** for “*The Pier*”

**Luca Castellan**, for “*The Scadding Court  
Community Hub*”

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or Truth and Reconciliation

**Heba Al-Fayez**, for a written statement,  
demonstrating exemplary work related to the  
topics of EDI and/or Truth & Reconciliation

**Julia Krulicki**, for a written statement,  
demonstrating exemplary work related to the  
topics of EDI and/or Truth & Reconciliation

### Guild Medal

**Ana Moyard** for “*Community of Craft -  
Multivalent Mountain Architecture*”

## University of Toronto – John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Sustainability

**Daniel Hyunsu Kim** for “*Delicious Vertical  
Neighbourhood*”

**Ethan Tu** for “*How to Design Almost Nothing*”

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or Truth and Reconciliation

**Christopher Chi Lok Law** for “*Solace*”

**Augustine Wong** for “*Koyaanisqatsi*”

### Guild Medal

**Jessica Rachael Iozzo** for “*Industrial Detritus  
& Deep Time: Tracing Ecological Grief Through  
Didactic Leisure Experiences*”

## OCAD University

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Sustainability

**Jun Chen** for “[SustainaSphere](#)”

## University of Waterloo – School of Architecture

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Sustainability

**Renee Fang** for “*Bloomfontein*”

**Michael Kay, Anne Fu, Derek Shin, and Erin Kim** for  
“*Creek Commons: Rewilding the Urban Block*”

### Exceptional Leadership Through Design Excellence: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or Truth and Reconciliation

**Ian Bryane, Jan Hendrikse, Meghan Engelen,  
Maggie Claus, Jiadi Dai, Brianna Klei, Caresse  
Chia, Loh Min Ru, Naya Sanchez, Catherine Leung,  
and Sarah Abdulkarim** for “*Home, Small Home*”

**Youngjin Kim, Abeer Ali, and Nisha Bhatella** for  
“*Surplus Properties for Affordable Housing,  
Student Activism*”

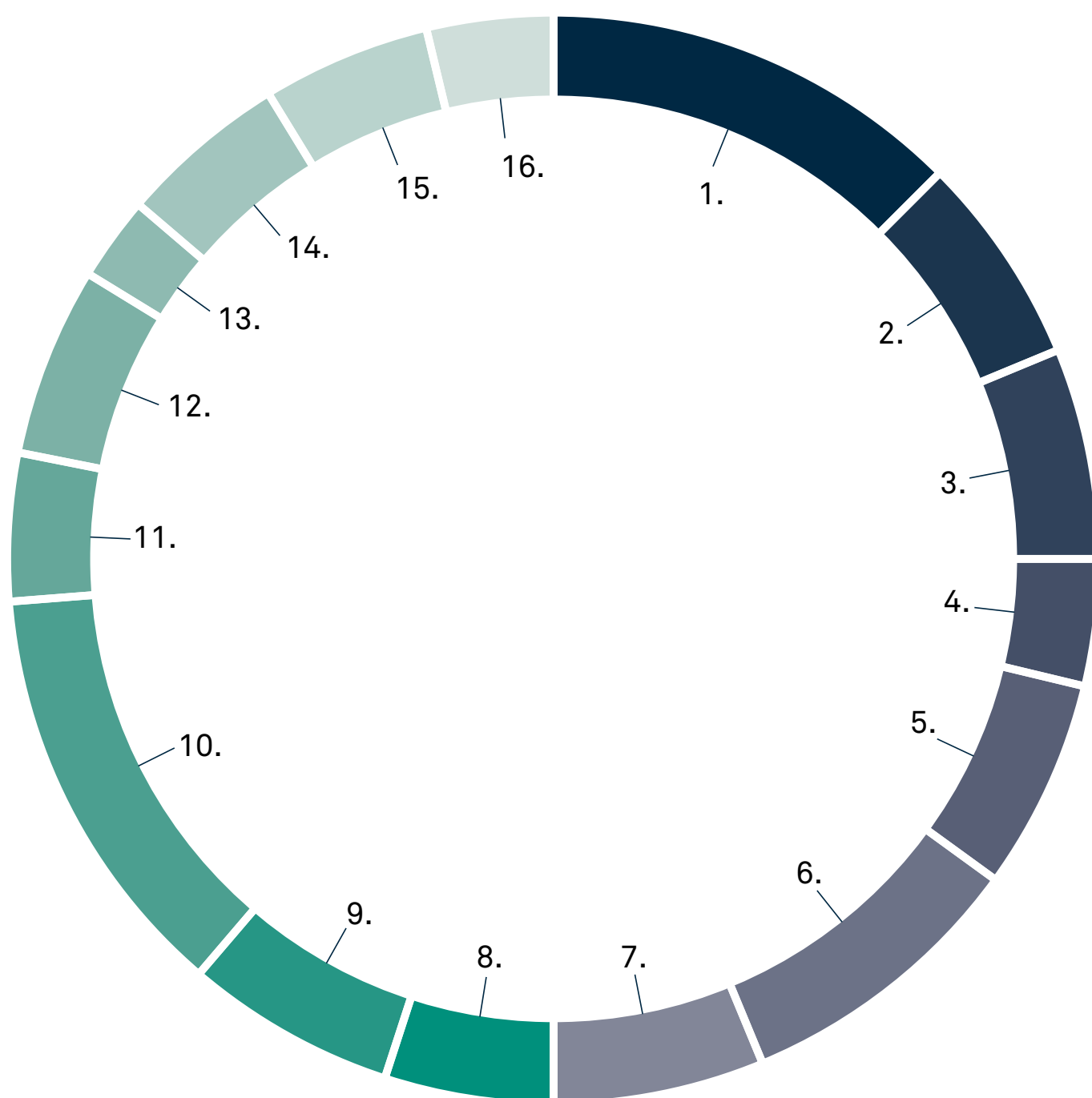
### Guild Medal

**Esraa Saad** for “[Thermal Walls: Enhancing Thermal  
Properties of Prefabricated Wall Systems with  
Additive Manufacturing](#)”

# Public Awareness Funding



The OAA's Communications and Public Education Committee (CPEC) awards [funding requests](#) to individuals or groups looking to raise awareness about the importance of architecture.

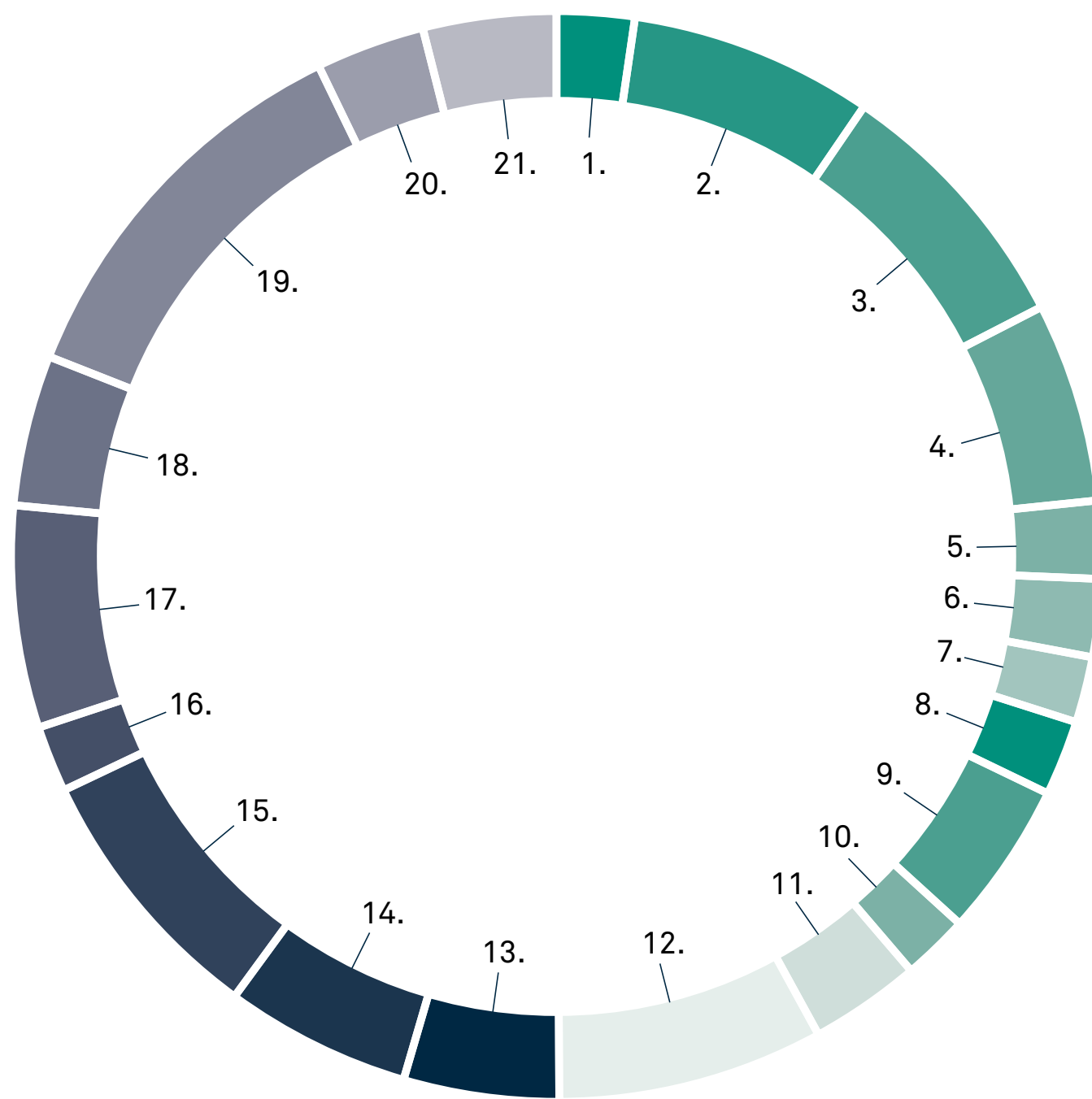


1. **Doors Open Hamilton** | *ACO Hamilton Region Branch* \$10,000
2. **2024 Walking Tours** | *Heritage Ottawa* \$5,000
3. **Archi-North Summer Camp** | *Laurentian University of Sudbury* \$5,000
4. **Paradise City: Islamic Gardens** | *Muslims in Public Space* \$3,000
5. **RAW Architecture and Design Summer Camp "Diversity in Design"** | *Raw Design Inc.* \$5,000
6. **Ontario Roadmap to Equity, Social Value and Environmental Sustainability** | *Ontario Roadmaps to Equity, Social Value and Environmental Sustainability* \$7,000
7. **1UP Toronto Conference 2024** | *Urban Minds* \$5,000
8. **1 UP School Chapters** | *Urban Minds* \$4,000
9. **ACO Heritage Awards** | *Architectural Conservancy Ontario* \$5,000
10. **Archi-North Workshops** | *Archi-North* \$10,000
11. **Brownie Awards** | *Actual Media* \$3,500
12. **CAFE** | *Canadian Architecture Students Association* \$4,500
13. **Kids Fun with Architecture** | *John MacDonald Architect Inc.* \$2,000
14. **OAF** | *Ottawa Architecture Foundation Tour* \$4,000
15. **OAF** | *Ottawa Architecture Foundation Bike Tour* \$4,000
16. **TimberFever Design Build Competition** | *TimberFever* \$3,000

# Special Project Funding



The OAA's Communications and Public Education Committee (CPEC) awards funding to the [Local Architectural Societies](#) for special programming.



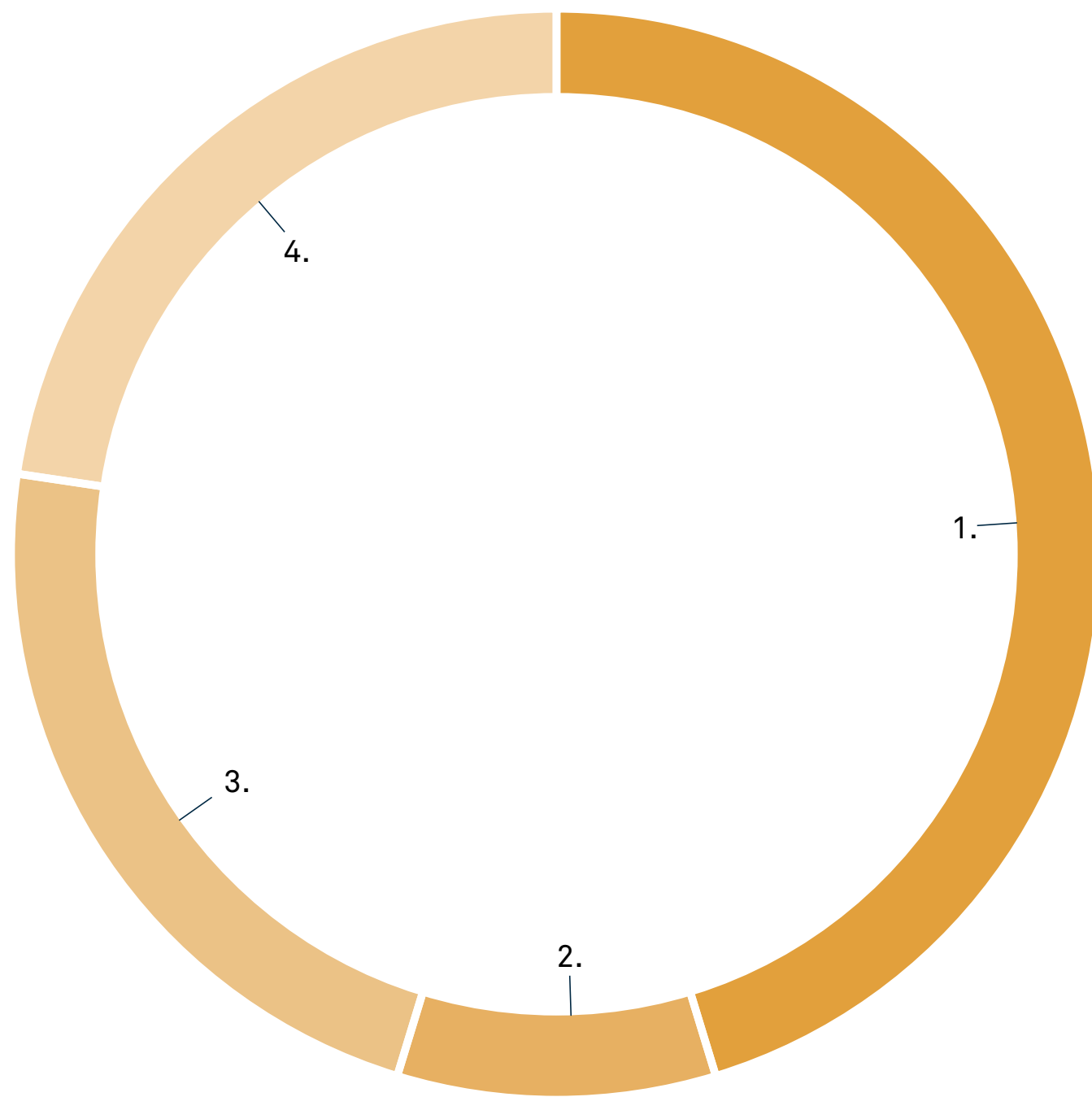
1. **Algoma Society of Architects** | *The Collab·North Sponsorships / Les bourses Collab·Nord* \$1,750
2. **Hamilton/Burlington Society of Architects** | *Sub-Committee formation and Workshop for Municipal Rental Housing By-Laws* \$5,500
3. **London Society of Architects** | *Nuit Blanche London* \$6,000
4. **North Bay Society of Architects** | *Kid Kits: The Climate Change Challenge* \$4,500
5. **North Bay Society of Architects** | *The Collab·North Sponsorships / Les bourses Collab·Nord* \$1,750
6. **Northern Ontario Society of Architects** | *The Collab·North Sponsorships / Les bourses Collab·Nord* \$1,750
7. **St. Lawrence Valley Society of Architects** | *Local Legacies: An Audio Chronicle of Architectural Practices within the Saint Lawrence Valley* \$1,485
8. **St. Lawrence Valley Society of Architects** | *Urban Sketching-Kingston: 2x urban sketching classes with Architect and Artist Marek Badzynski* \$1,702
9. **Toronto Society of Architects** | *Sharing our Work on Toronto's Queer Spaces* \$3,500
10. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *Windsor Public Library Education Initiative 2024* \$1,500
11. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *Architecture / Cultural History - Public Lectures* \$2,500
12. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *United Way Windsor Essex, On Track to Success Program 2024* \$6,000
13. **Grand Valley Society of Architects** | *OAA's President Visit - Tour Video Recording* \$3,500
14. **Hamilton/Burlington Society of Architects** | *Art Gallery of Hamilton Arts Festival Sponsorship Event & Panel Discussion* \$4,200
15. **London Society of Architects** | *Nuit Blanche London* \$6,000
16. **London Society of Architects** | *Design Excellence Panel* \$1,500
17. **Northern Ontario Society of Architects** | *BEA(North) Talks* \$5,000
18. **Toronto Society of Architects** | *Milestone Celebration + Intern Architect Engagement Session* \$3,400
19. **Toronto Society of Architects** | *Architecture Minutes Short Video Series* \$9,000
20. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *The Better Cities Film Festival 2024* \$2,460
21. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *Bike Windsor Essex, Winter Wheels Program 2024-25* \$3,000

# Special Project Funding—Recurring



The OAA's Communications and Public Education Committee (CPEC) awards funding to the [Local Architectural Societies](#) for special programming.

1. **Toronto Society of Architects** | *Walking Tours* \$12,000
2. **North Bay Society of Architects** | *College / University Scholarships* \$2,500
3. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *Social Media Management* \$6,000
4. **Windsor Region Society of Architects** | *Windsor International Film Festival* \$6,000





# In Memoriam



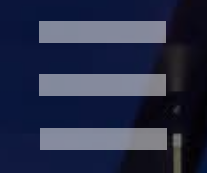
# In Memoriam



It is with deep sorrow that the Association learned of the passing of these members in 2024:

Brian Andrew  
Bruce A. Berglund  
John Blums  
John Bobaljic  
Mohsen Y. Boctor  
Pamela Jean Cluff  
Louis Edward John Cooke  
Graeme Cropley  
Tan Hoi Duong  
Dino Dutra  
Gregg Alexander Gordon  
David W. Hastings  
Jocelyn Honeyman  
Kalevi K. Kangas

Stephen Peter Katz  
Alan Littlewood  
Gordon Edward Martyshuk  
Gerald Philip Pilon  
Alfred Charles Roberts  
Hillel I. Roebuck  
Erik Shin Rossmann  
Desmond Roychaudhuri  
Stanley E. Sota  
Fedor Tisch  
J. Hugh Westren  
William (Bill) Russell White  
David Po Cheung Yeung  
Radoslav Zuk



# Awards and Competitions

Center for Computing & Data Sciences at Boston University  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Boston, Massachusetts  
KPMB Architects  
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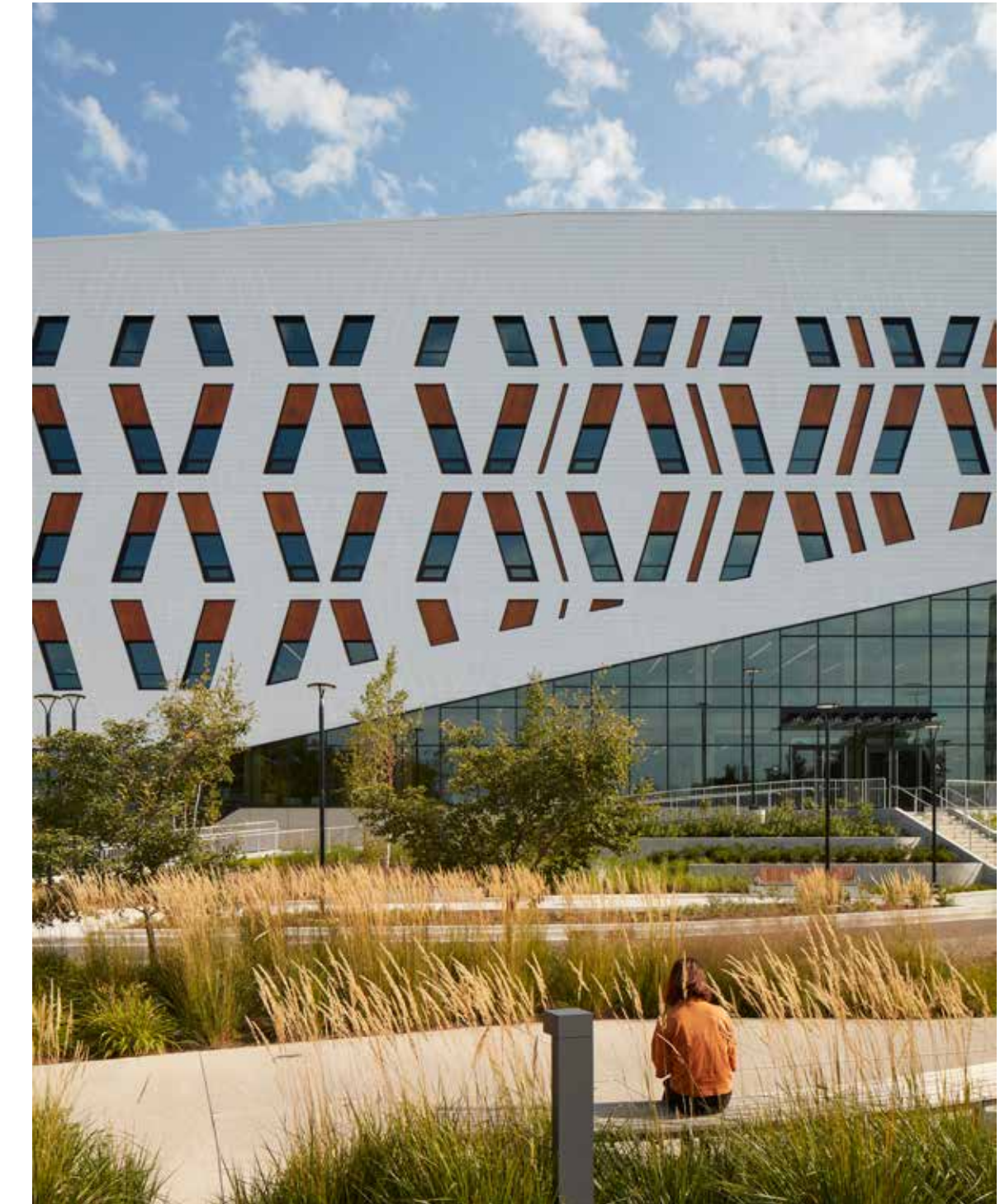
# Design Excellence



The biennial [Design Excellence Awards](#) celebrate architecture's impact in Ontario while promoting public appreciation. In 2024, the winners' circle featured diverse projects like sustainable community centres and educational facilities, judged on creativity, context, sustainability, and legacy. All participants were also required to disclose Energy Use Intensity (EUI) metrics, underlining the focus on sustainable design. The 10 winners [chosen by the jury](#), in alphabetical order, are:



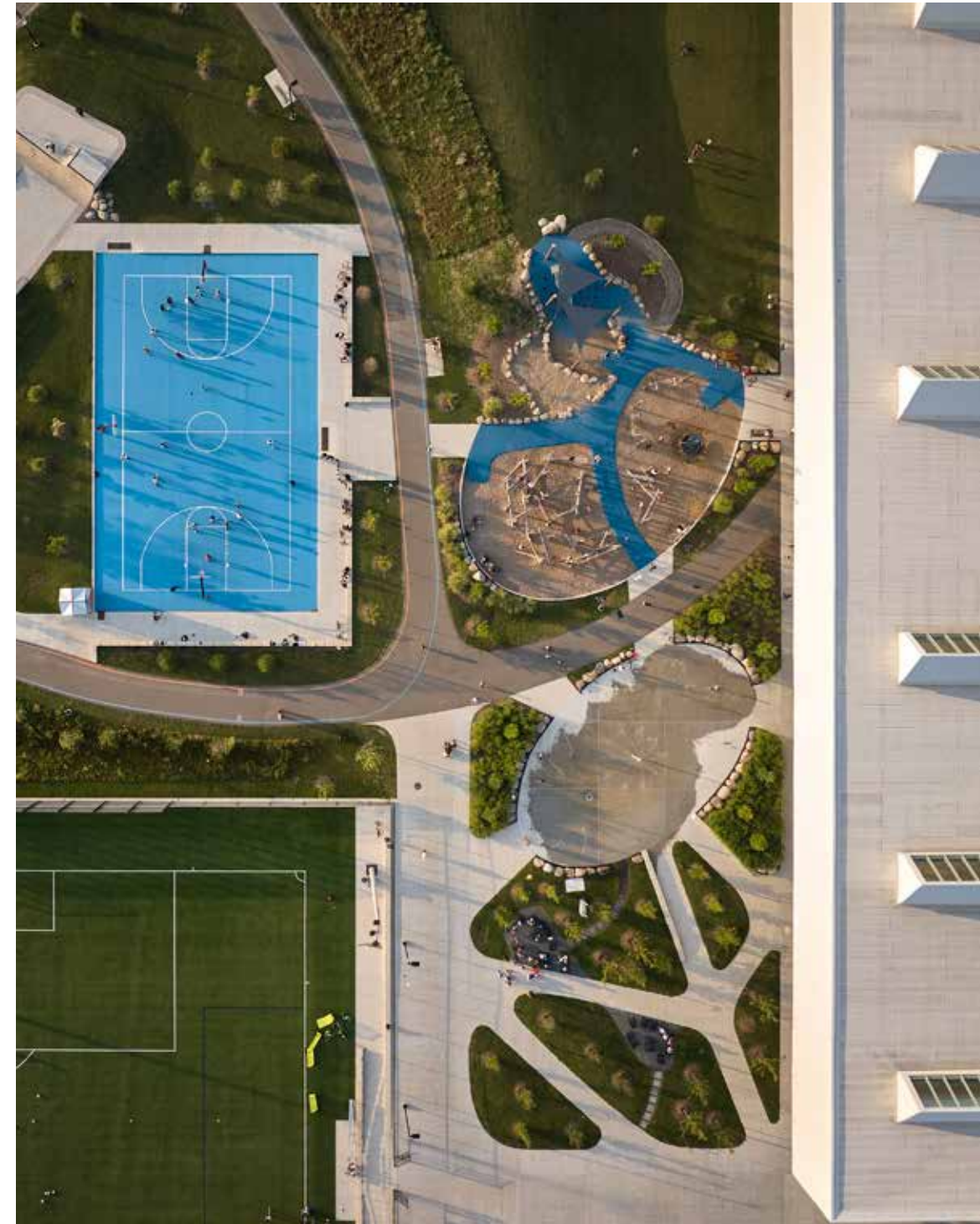
[Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation](#)  
(St. Peter's Bay, Prince Edward Island)  
by Baird Sampson Neuert Architects  
(now a part of WF Group Inc.) in  
association with SableARC Studio;



[Centennial College A-Building Expansion](#)  
(Toronto, Ontario) by DIALOG Ontario  
Inc. in collaboration with Smoke  
Architecture Inc. [**People's Choice  
Award**];



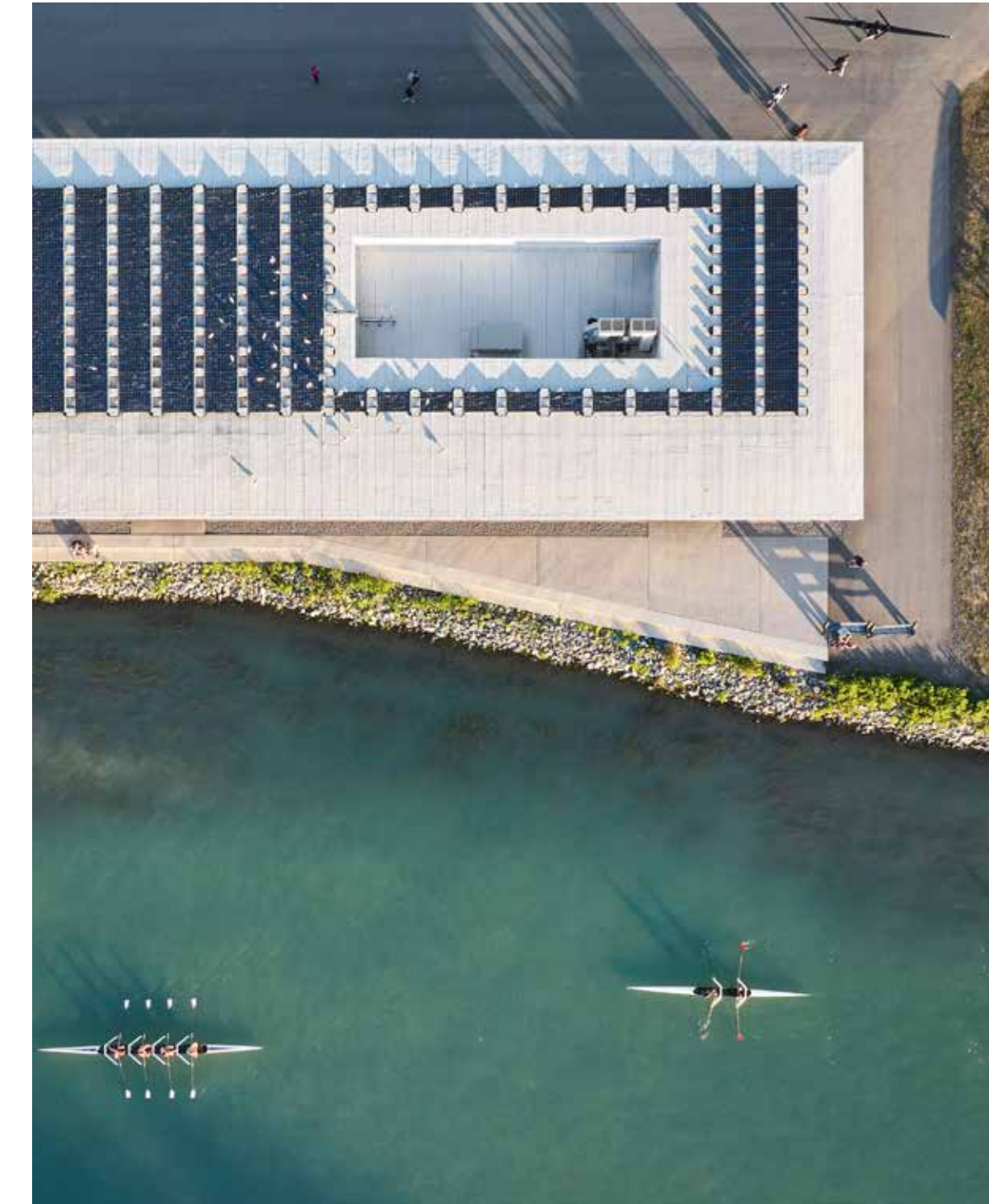
[Center for Computing & Data Sciences at Boston University](#)  
(Boston, Massachusetts) by KPMB Architects;



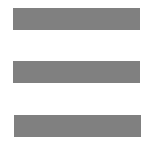
[Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Sports Park](#)  
(Mississauga, Ontario) by MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects, Ltd. (MJMA) [***Lieutenant Governor's Award for Design Excellence in Architecture***];



[David Geffen Hall, Lincoln Center](#)  
(New York City, New York) by Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc. (Master Plan and Concert Theatre) and Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects | Partners (Public Spaces);



[Neil Campbell Rowing Centre](#)  
(St. Catharines, Ontario) by MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects, Ltd. (MJMA) in association with Raimondo + Associates Architects Inc. [***Michael V. and Wanda Plachta Award***];



[Ontario Court of Justice Toronto](#)  
(Toronto, Ontario) by NORR Architects & Engineers Ltd. in association with Renzo Piano Building Workshop S.A.S.;



[Place des Arts](#)  
(Greater Sudbury, Ontario) by Moriyama Teshima Architects and Bélanger Salach Architecture (previously known as Yallowega Bélanger Salach Architecture) in a joint venture;



[Toronto Public Library–Albert Campbell Branch](#)  
(Scarborough, Ontario) by LGA Architectural Partners Ltd.;



[Virgin Vineyard House](#)  
(North Hatley, Quebec) by LAMAS Architecture Ltd.

# OAA Service Award Winners



In addition to built projects, the OAA also honours the careers and contributions of its members. This year's recipients included:

**Medal of Service:**

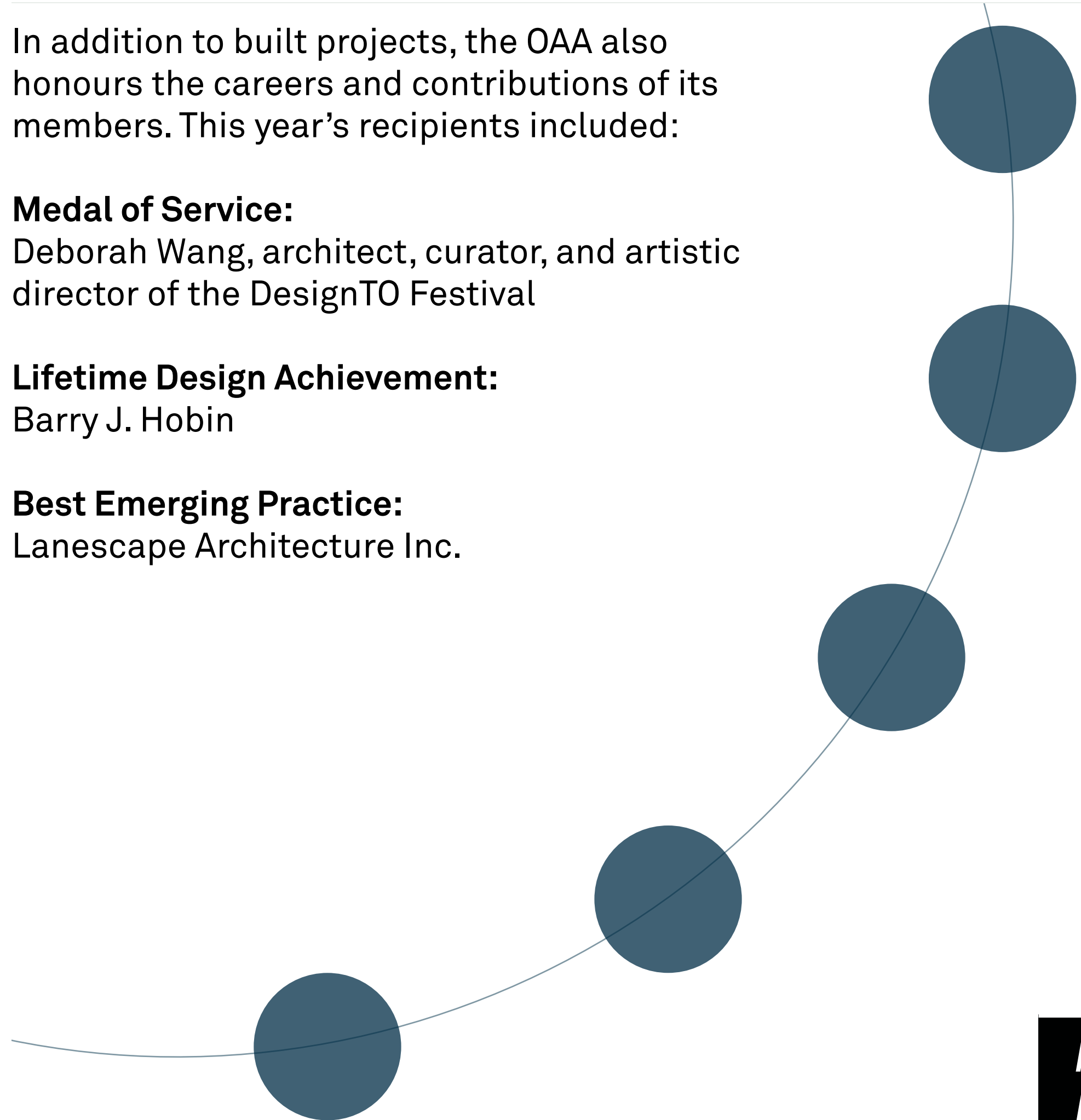
Deborah Wang, architect, curator, and artistic director of the DesignTO Festival

**Lifetime Design Achievement:**

Barry J. Hobin

**Best Emerging Practice:**

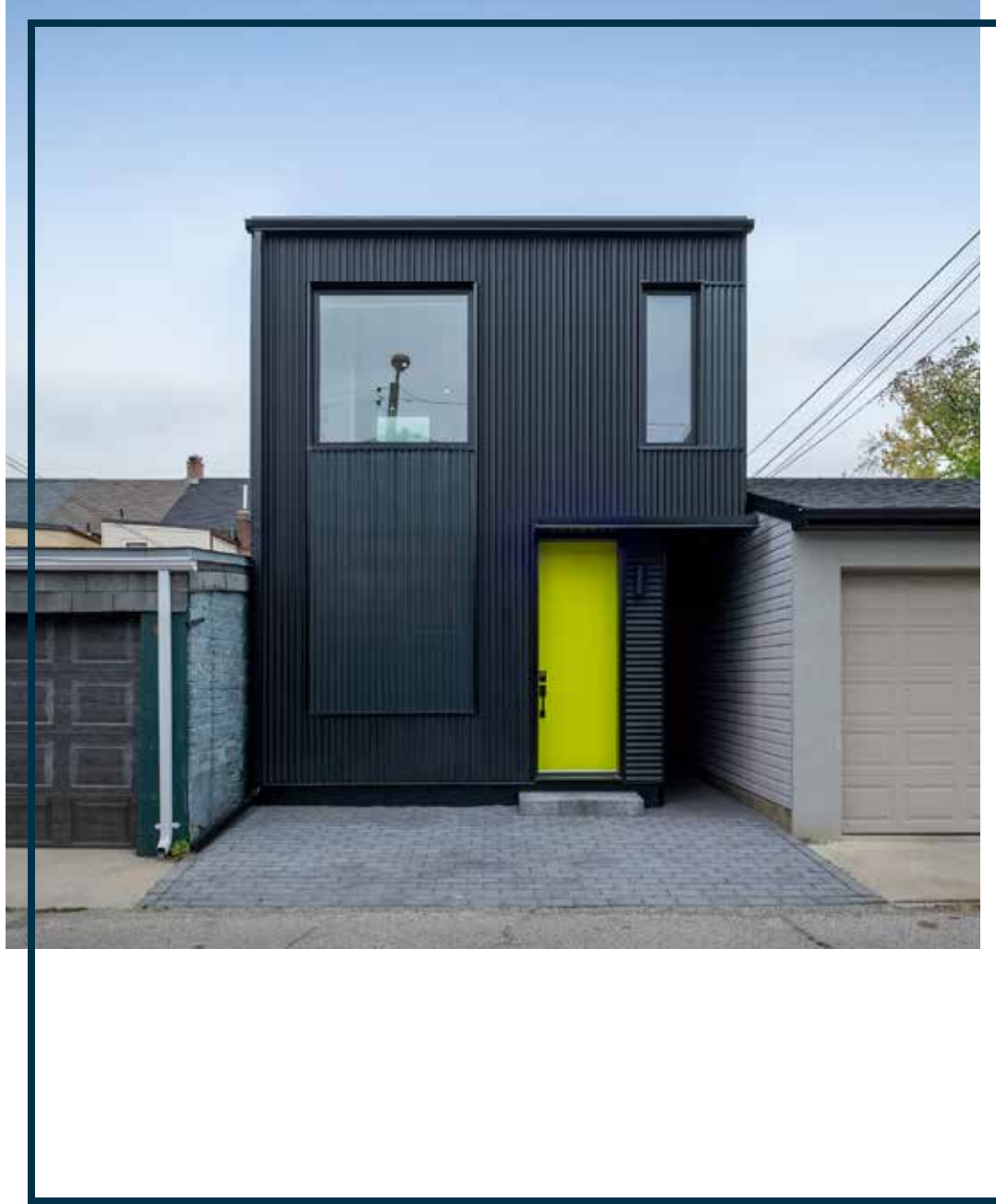
Landscape Architecture Inc.



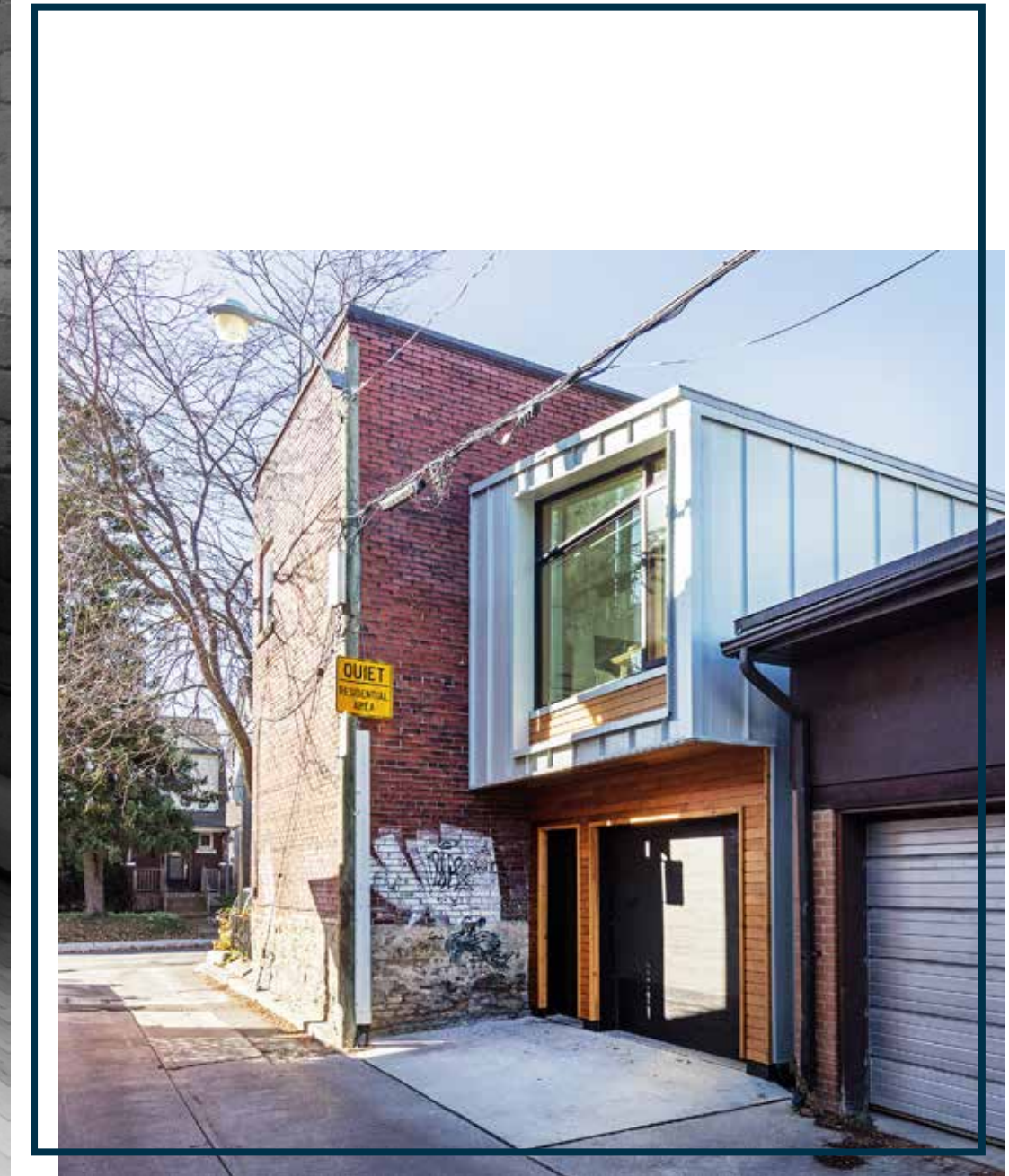
*Medal of Service:  
Deborah Wang*



*Lifetime Design Achievement:  
Barry J. Hobin*



*Best Emerging Practice:  
Lanescape Architecture Inc.*



# Landscape Design Competition



Launched in the spring of 2024, the [Landscape Design Competition](#) aimed to revitalize the OAA's Toronto headquarters by aligning with the Association's [Renew + Refresh initiative](#), focusing on sustainable and innovative design to enhance the building's surroundings while creating a welcoming experience. The anonymous, juried, one-stage competition emphasized sustainability, public art, and the integration of the Don River ravine context.

The winning design, selected by a jury, was "[The Grounding Meadow](#)" from Architect **Nima Javidi** and landscape architect **Behnaz Assadi** of Ja Architecture Studio, with landscape architect **Todd Douglas** of Janet Rosenberg & Studio and civil engineer **Kayam Ramsewak** of MTE Consultants. It was announced at a special celebration in June with work now ongoing to make the team's innovative design a reality.









# Financial Summary

Virgin Vineyard House  
2024 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner  
Eastern Townships, Quebec  
LAMAS Architecture Ltd.  
Photographer: Félix Michaud

# Financial Summary



# \$70,802,556

## Total Members' Equity

*\$11,622,242 growth over 2023*

Comprising Investments in:

**\$55,846,966**

Pro-Demnity Insurance Company

**\$1,578,078**

Major Capital Reserve Fund

**\$2,158,751**

Operating Reserve

**\$285,500**

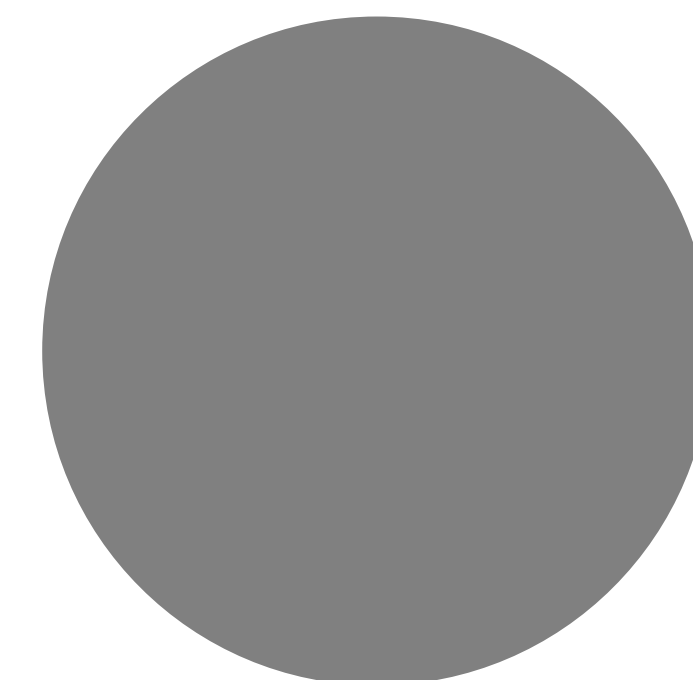
Legal Reserve

**\$6,996,850**

Property and Equipment

**\$3,854,686**

Unrestricted





# Council & Committees

OAA Headquarters  
Toronto, Ontario  
Ruth Cawker Architects (renovation: David Fujiwara)  
Photographer: Andrew Grinton

# 2024 Council & Committees



**Settimo Vilardi**  
President  
Western Ontario

**William (Ted) Wilson**  
Senior Vice President & Treasurer  
Northern Ontario

**Lara McKendrick**  
Vice President  
Eastern Ontario

**Kristiana Schuhmann**  
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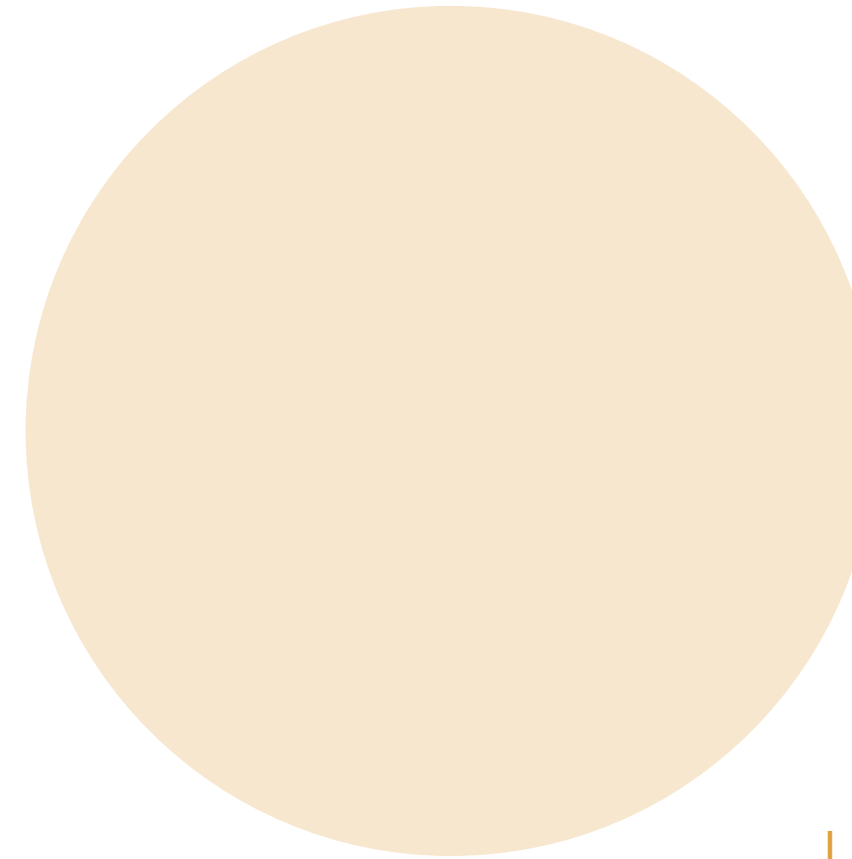
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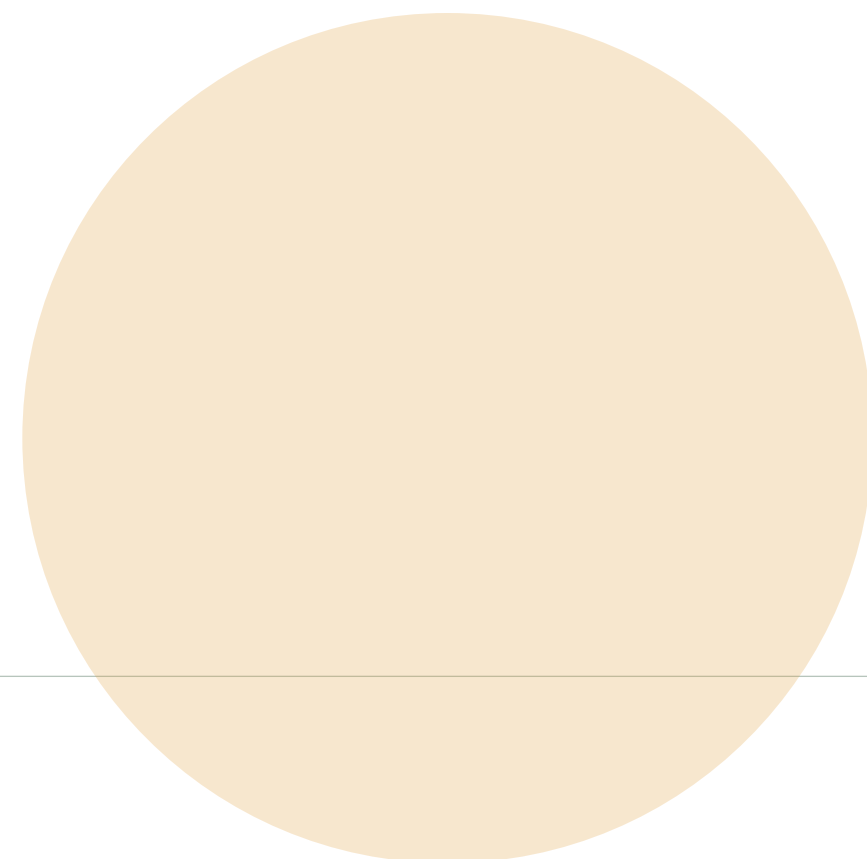
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Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee

**Kimberly Fawcett-Smith**  
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**Elaine Mintz**  
Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee



# 2024 OAA Committees



## STANDING COMMITTEES (Bylaws)

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### Practice Resource Committee (PRC)

**Chair:**

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### Communications & Public Education Committee (CPEC)

**Chair:**

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#### Chair:

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Izabela Kazanczuk, James Anderson, Laura Rachlin,  
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#### Chair:

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#### Members:

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## DISCRETIONARY COMMITTEES

### Building Committee

**Chair:**

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**Members:**

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### Interns Committee (now sunset)

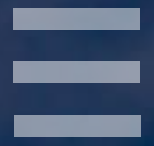
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Loloa Alkasawat

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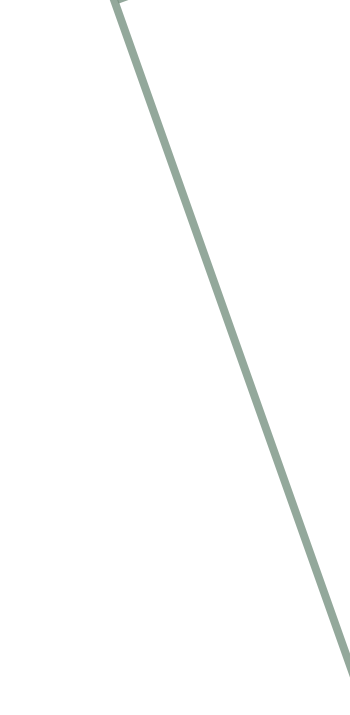
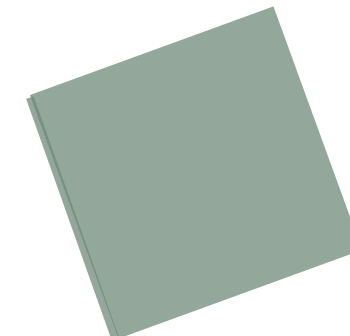
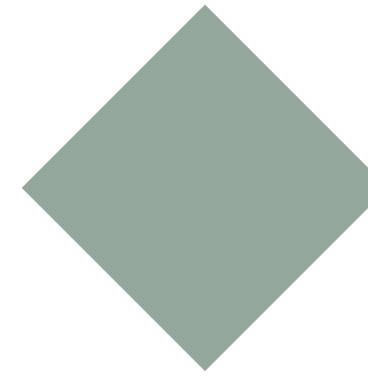
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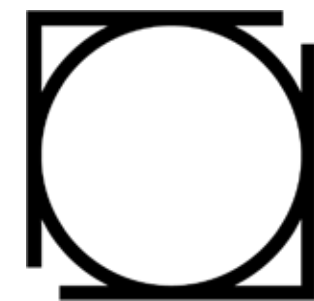
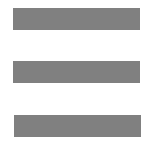
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